



## Norman Lee Gansmiller

August 27, 1951 - December 31, 2022

Norman Lee Gansmiller, 71, of Powell, OH and Ft Myers, FL passed away on New Year's Day 2023 surrounded by his family, which he adored, in Columbus, OH. He was born 8/27/1951 to Richard and Erma Gansmiller in Toledo, OH. Norm was a graduate of Libbey HS in 1969 and Toledo University. He got his master's degree from Rochester College. He married Marlene Washburn on May 30, 1975, in Toledo.

He retired from Owens Corning in 2009 after over 40 years, working in several roles. After retirement, he mentored many business owners as a proud member of S.C.O.R.E. Norm was an avid golfer. If you didn't know where he was, he was probably on the course, chipping in from just off the green or rolling in a 20-foot putt for par. Or perhaps on his favorite hole, the 19th, surrounded by his friends with a margarita close. Norm cared deeply for his family; every decision he made was about taking care of those closest to him. Norm was preceded in death by his parents and in-laws. He is survived by Marlene and two daughters Julie (Jacob) Worrell and Kali (Jeff) Rogers. He is survived by 4 wonderful grandchildren that adored him. Aiden 13, Natalie 12, Lindsay 9 and Savannah 5. He inherited 2 step-grandchildren Jacob and Danielle. He is also survived by his Sister Linda Brentlinger and niece Kellie along with Marlene's brother and Sister-in-Law, Myles and Sylvia Washburn, and his nephews Evan and Alex and way too many friends to list.

Calling Hours will be at Rutherford Funeral home in Powell, OH on Saturday, January 7 from 11am -1pm followed by services at 1pm. A reception will follow

at Julie's house in Powell to celebrate his wonderful life. All are welcome. Additional plans will be announced for a celebration in Florida within a few months.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests to make donations in Norm's name to Central Ohio First Tee <https://firstteecentralohio.org/ways-to-give/> or Kobacker Hospice House <https://foundation.ohiohealth.com/> Condolences can be made at [www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com](http://www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JAN 7. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell  
450 West Olentangy Street  
Powell, OH 43065  
(614) 792-1471  
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## Memorial Service

JAN 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Norman Lee Gansmiller*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Marlene and family, you are all in my thoughts and prayers on Norman's passing. I was out of the country and just learned of his death. I have many fond memories of high school and Norm and his parents. He was always a great guy with a joy for life and dedication to family. He will be sorely missed by all. Gwen (Baucom) Balk*

**Gwen Balk** - January 11, 2023 at 02:40 PM



“ *As much as Norm loved to play golf I hope he is enjoying a round, maybe with my Dad, on a warm sunny day. RIP Cuzn Norm. Cuzn Steve*

**Steve Gansmiller** - January 07, 2023 at 09:09 AM



“ *Marlene,  
I am so sorry to hear of Norm's passing. I always enjoyed a good Norm story over the years we were together at Path Labs. You have been in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time for you and your family. I'm sorry I'm not able to attend today but I will be thinking of you on this day of honoring Norm.  
Mary*

**Mary Slaughter** - January 07, 2023 at 06:50 AM

SW

“ *Marlene and family. I was so saddened to hear about Norm. What a wonderful guy and pleasure to be around. I'm blessed to have had the chance to know him. Know that you are all in my prayers! Steve Wilke*

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**Steven Wilke** - January 06, 2023 at 04:44 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Norman Lee Gansmiller.*



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January 06, 2023 at 10:04 AM

SM

“*Marlene, Bonnie and I are so sad to hear of your loss. We will not be able to be at Norm's service but please know that we are thinking of you and your family at this very difficult time. As you know, personally I have always been very fond of Norm as I always thought of him as one of my best friends from high school. Not even sure how we met but we did and I was always the better person for it. Norm always claimed he bought his first new boat just so he could get my fatxxx up on the skis. He was successful and we seemed to live on the old muddy Maumee that summer. So many great memories!! Of course we went our separate ways and you folks moved away but it was always so great to see you and Norm at class reunions and such. We reminisced and laughed and embellished our stories as we got older. I and the rest of the reunion committee folks were so pleased for Norm's help on our 50th class reunion and to see him regularly. One thing I am very happy about is Norm and I recently reconnected again as he was preparing for a hip and knee replacement. I am in the recovery stages of a knee replacement so Norm called me for info. We talked and laughed at length and I so enjoyed our conversations. You and your girls have a husband and dad to be proud of. He lived his life as we all should. He worked hard, got himself an education, raised two beautiful daughters, and helped with his beloved grand kids. I can assure you that as a contemporary, Norm is happy in heaven with what he accomplished. We will all grieve and will miss him terribly, but he made an important impact, one I am personally grateful for. Norm left a legacy we all can only hope for. Again, we are thinking and praying for you during this difficult time.*

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**Skip Markland** - January 06, 2023 at 09:33 AM

JD

“*Marlene - My sincerest condolences to you and your extended family.*

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**Judy Dilworth** - January 05, 2023 at 11:12 PM

MH

*Marlene, You have our deepest condolences Norm was truly one of the good guys we had many great times together at Brandywine he will be missed prayers for your extended family*

**Mark Henry** - January 06, 2023 at 09:28 AM

CJ

“ *Chuck, Bob, Scott and John purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Norman Lee Gansmiller.*



**Chuck, Bob, Scott and John** - January 05, 2023 at 11:57 AM

MM

“ *Dear Marlene and Family,*

*On behalf of all of your dear friends at PathLabs, we send our heartfelt sympathy to you and your family on your husband's passing.*

*May you find strength in the great example your husband set for others in the way he lived his life, and also comfort in knowing that you are cared about so much for the solid and impressive imprint you have left on those you worked with throughout your extended career at PathLabs.*

*I am honored to attend the service on Saturday.*

*With deepest sympathy,  
Marian*

**Marian McVicker** - January 05, 2023 at 11:49 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Norman Lee Gansmiller.



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January 05, 2023 at 10:30 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Norm. He served on the Lott Industries board of directors when I was chair. I greatly valued his wisdom and insight. The world has lost a thoughtful, caring man.

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**Janis Brown** - January 05, 2023 at 08:33 AM



“ Marlene, I'm so sorry for your loss. I remember when Norm used to call the Lab for you. He would always ask me how I'm doing or how my day was. Such a nice man. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Anna Longoria (Geronimo)

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**Anna Longoria** - January 04, 2023 at 10:27 PM



“ Marlene, Tommy and I are so shocked and saddened by Norm's loss. So thankful we got to know him and spend time with you both in KG. He will leave a big hole in a lot of hearts. Just know you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers, Love Tommy and Missy

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**missy bryant** - January 04, 2023 at 05:32 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Norman Lee Gansmiller.



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January 04, 2023 at 04:12 PM



“ Marlene, Julie and Kali, Jack and I are so sorry for your loss. We have such fond memories of our time in St. James as neighbors! Such a fun time in our lives! Norm will be greatly missed by many, including us. We are sending hugs, thoughts and prayers to your whole family. RIP Norm.....a great man that is gone way too soon.



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**Sue Jolley** - January 04, 2023 at 03:26 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Norman Lee Gansmiller.



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January 04, 2023 at 01:31 PM

DW

“ Norm and I were in Sales for Owens Corning based in Columbus Ohio. We became great friends and on office days we occasionally got in trouble with Marlene for not coming directly home from work.....TGI Fridays was our favorite spot to blow off some steam, and time just slipped away. It was really all my fault Marlene. Both of us had CB Radios in our snazzy company cars (1980's) and occasionally would hear each other chatting away with the truck drivers. I can still hear him say “hey Disco is that you.” God bless Marlene for putting up with us!! What a great guy!

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**Dave Whyde** - January 04, 2023 at 12:10 PM

LR

“ Love, Ciancone's, Houchins, & Rice's purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Norman Lee Gansmiller.



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**Love, Ciancone's, Houchins, & Rice's** - January 04, 2023 at 11:46 AM

WB

“ With Love, Kelly and Chad Bolt purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Norman Lee Gansmiller.



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**With Love, Kelly and Chad Bolt** - January 04, 2023 at 11:26 AM



“ I have very fond memories of my brief time spent with norm and his family growing up in the South End of Toledo. I was certainly blessed to have know Norm and he will always be in my memories. RIP

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**Karl Sauer** - January 04, 2023 at 10:47 AM



“ Marlene, I am so sorry for your loss. Life is so precious. I pray you and the girls and grand children will find comfort in your memories.

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**Karen Smith** - January 04, 2023 at 09:31 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Norman Lee Gansmiller.



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January 03, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ My husband, Jim, and I were neighbors of Norm and Marlene just for a short time. They are the kindest people I have ever met. We are so very sorry for Marleen’s loss and for his family’s loss. I thoughts and prayers will be with you for years to come! Cheryl Schultz.

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**Cheryl Schultz** - January 03, 2023 at 03:49 PM